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May 27, 2003

Hon. James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation P. O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re:

Yegua Zone, Reservoir A; Southwest Kinder

Field, Allen Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Azimuth Energy, LLC, (incorrectly denominated Noble Energy, Inc. in our May 13, 2003 pre application notice) to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the Yegua Zone, Reservoir A; Southwest Kinder Field, Allen Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Yegua Zone, Reservoir A, Southwest Kinder Field, Allen Parish, Louisiana;
- 2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the Yegua Zone, Reservoir A designated as the Y RA SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto;
- 3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;

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5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Yegua Zone, Reservoir A.

The Yegua Zone, Reservoir A in the Southwest Kinder Field, Allen Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that gas, oil and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 9,750 feet 10,635 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Wes Tex Drilling Co. (Shell Western E & P Inc.) No. 1 Well located in Section 4, Township 7 South, Range 6 West, Allen Parish, Louisiana.

No request for the pre-application conference was received and thus it WILL <u>NOT</u> BE HELD. Accordingly, no opposition is expected at the hearing.

In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice of the hearing and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of Southwest Kinder Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Southwest Kinder Field at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this application may be obtained AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY from Cutright & Hardwick, P. O. Box 80972, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70598-0972, (337) 232-7756.

Enclosed to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager ONLY is a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this notice is being sent and a plat showing the proposed Y RA SUA, which is the same plat attached to the pre-application notice. Copies of this list and plat will be provided upon request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties. Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

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